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S2: ...he has been...second to Jesus; he has been one of the biggest teachers of spiritism.

Interviewer (Claudia): This man, Alex ???.

S2: Yes. He has...he (Allen Kardec) was a collector/compiler and one of the biggest in the 1800's when he collected and began to speak on spiritism and to explain more fully how spiritism is and what it is. And I just found here some words that left me with my jaw on the ground because...because of what it says about a lot of things I did not understand...like...all that happens and you can't explain why, why sometimes certain things happen to you, why you have problems...I found some paragraphs to explain to someone that, to explain what is happening at this time, so where is the spirit taking you, where it wants you to go, sometimes you will have to know poverty, misery, pain, suffering, all that, so it is explained to you why you have to go through all that, because you have to do that first so....

CH: So it explains to you the passage one has to take or that sometimes comes to you.

S2: Yes, listen, it says it right here, "Here lie the terms, that by writ and by conduct of many means gave the mission to write this book. Occupy yourself with watchfulness and perseverance of the job you have undertaken with our help, because the job is ours, in it we have laid the foundations of the edifice that will rise and some day unite all men in one solid sentiment of love and charity, but before divulging it we will go over it together to establish in truth all its details/particulars. We will be with you always, may you solicit its help in other jobs because this is no more than a part of the mission that has been confided and revealed by one of us, of the knowledge we have given you, you must conceal/keep for yourself and until the new order. We will indicate when the time to publish it will be, in the mean time, meditate over them so that you may be prepared when you are so indicated. You will put at the head of the book the saber of the VID (note: I don't know what he is saying or what this means) that we have drawn, first part, with this emblem, the work of the creator, having found in it all the principals and materials that may best represent the body and spirit, the saber is the body, the liquor the spirit and soul, the united spirit, in other words, matter, is the grain of the ??? man, the spirit by way of work, you already know that only with working with the body you acquire knowledge in the spirit, do not fear of criticism, you will find objectors especially in people interested in preserving cruelty, including among the spirits, because those that are not completely dematerialized try, with frequency, to bring doubt either by malice or ignorance but always believe in god and walk with confidence, we will be with you to support you and ??? in the time that all the parts of the truth. The vanity of certain men that believe to know all and they want to explain all, from them are born dissident opinions, but all those that have present with them the great beginnings of Jesus will be confused in the same sentiment of love and goodness and if they are to strike with a lasso ??? all the world, they will to one push to one side the miserable questions of words to worry not but only in the essential matters and you will always be the same doctrine

whilst in the depths for all those who will receive communications from past spirits by way of ??? you will be able to reap the fruits of labors and pleasure that you will experience by seeing the doctrine and ??? well understood it will be, a reward which its total value you will understand in the short term than in the present ??? for the thorns and rocks that objectors or bad people will through in your path, your confidence shall perceive because with it you will to the end and you will always merit aide. Remember that good spirits do not assist except for those that serve god with humility and interest and they reject all they search for in the path to heaven, ??? for the worldly things setting yourself aside from the prideful and the ambitious, pride and ambition shall always be a barrier between god and man, ??? ??? and god, they can not understand like blind people can not understand light.” And here it is talking about, you know, San Juan Evangelista, San Agustin, San Vincente de Po (sp.??), San Luis, the True Spirit (El espiritu de verdad), Socrates, Plato, Fenelon (sp.??), Franklin, and Sudenburg (sp.??), they were a few of the Spiritists...you understand?...so, Here I found some stuff that sometimes make me feel a little sad...like they don't into account the value...or people don't give the value/credit to the spiritist because he does not do some 'show', it's...well...I don't like to talk about any religion or but any of them down but I make comparisons, when channel 62 came that is what I told them, that spiritism is not a show like a Santero would do it, where you are dressed up and doing stuff, that's a show. A spiritist is straightforward, calm, quieter and everything is cleaner, so sometimes people want to see things like the Santero does, some drama like that, but Spiritism is different...This Santero came and came to ask questions, like a bit...well anyway I told him I'm a spiritist and what saint do you have he asked and I corrected him, I told him that in spiritism we don't have saints, we don't pay for saints nor do we buy saints, the spiritist is born with his spirit and his spiritual guide, with his guardian angels, they don't go around selling a saint, because we are born crowned.

CH: You are born with the spirit?

S2: Yes.

CH: Is there an occasion when another spirit...

S2: It can come and add itself to you, it can...it could be someone that needs help, sometimes it's not recommended, sometimes it's not good because it can confuse you and sometimes it can be spirits that are just passing by with no where to go, sometimes they can disguise themselves of something good and....

CH: It's something bad, and you only have one spirit?

S2: No, they are a few, when you...in spiritism when you speak of...well in spiritism we say my spiritual team, because there could be many, but there is always one at the head, it's always one that is first before all of them, yes, it's your spiritual team because...I have a nun! I have a priest, or could be a minister but it's someone religious, you understand, the nun I have seen her, and to me that is a bit...Santa Maria de Jesus...

CH: That's the nun you...

S2: That I saw.

CH: Santa Teresa?

S2: Santa Teresa de ninyo de Jesus...they...well I can show you a picture of her so you can see her, you know her?

CH: No, but if you have a picture.

S2: Yes.

CH: You can show it to me later.

S2: In Santeria they know her as 'Oya' who is the owner/keeper of the cemetery because the story of Santa Teresa de Jesus, she was a nun and died very young, she entered the convent very early, such was her love for Jesus that she asked, 'Father, since I could not rein in life let me rein within the dead' and so they use her as 'Oya' or the queen of the dead...it's the same story almost of 'Oya' in the Orisha and Santa Teresa's life, so I have and Indian man, a male doctor, but when you are medium anyone can come...

CH: Any spirit.

S2: Any spirit, that's why I say it sticks to you, many time they can get on with you, even though they are not your guides, they can see if a family member or a friend, so those lassos come into being again.

CH: OK, what else could you tell me about Saint Teresa?

S2: Like what?

CH: Like maybe her story, for what she is known for.

S2: She was...she died of Tuberculosis (tuberculosis) and Pneumonia (pulmonia), so she was very fervent to Jesus, she was a young nun, she was born...she died around nineteen hundred something, so she hasn't been dead along time.

CH: She was a person that lived?

S2: Yes, and I like her story a lot because...when we did the get together in the past she presented herself many times. The first time I saw her she entered and I told them, in the reunion, Santa Teresa just entered and she has some flowers for us and she left the flowers...spiritually obviously it's not...physical, it's spiritual, that to me is the greatest thing...seen her come in and leave the flowers tells me there was a good vibration and that it was good, she left and came back again, I had that crucifix that is there in the entrance, I had it in the back stored away and she said, she told me, that the crucifix I had stored away, discarded almost, she wanted me to put it on the entrance on the door, and I wouldn't do it. She came back again, a bit bothered with flowers again, and she told again about the crucifix...and I didn't do it, anyway, It was near Christmas and the man who brings me the images, he brought a crib (note: of a nativity scene), and I was all crazy with it, I was admiring it's beauty, I even told one of the guys in the get together to buy it...but I don't believe in that he responded, and I told but look it's so beautiful, I told

him and he turned to me and said, if you like it so much I'll give it to you as a gift...and he gave it to me, and so the man said to me, I'm also carrying an image of Santa Teresa de nino Jesus and this big, he told me. What? I responded and yelled to the other guys, did you hear that? And I asked him to bring it to me so I could see it. When I saw it I could not believe it, I said 'Welcome sister' because it was very...I told her, 'you came in spirit and now in an image, glory be to you, you are trying to give me a message' You came in spirit then in image, because an image of hers is very rare to find...

CH: You can't find them easily?

S2: No, because it's not an image that just anyone goes to buy or an image that people become interested in, especially not in an image of that size, about 3 feet...so when I saw here come in like that I was....Well I have a friend who is a Palero, let me tell you the full story of her, on how she came to my hands. She first came with my friend who is a Palero and what happened to him, my friend says that when he saw her and they went to show it to him and he took off the plastic with which it was covered, he got electric shocks and when he took off the plastic he saw her face to be diabolical and he told them to take it away from him.

CH: Santa Teresa?

S2: Yes. And when they brought her to me I saw her very beautiful and sweet...

CH: It wasn't for him...

S2: It wasn't for him! It's what I'm telling you, she came on a mission...you see...and I have one in my home for many years now, an antique, like I told you it's very difficult to find an image like that of her.

CH: You have her image here?

S2: No, in my home. But whenever you want I can bring her in so you can film her.

CH: OK

S2: She's very beautiful, I sometimes stare at her surprised because of what happened with her, and another time I was at another spiritists reunion, at a coronation we performed and so one of the brothers that was giving the mass, he told me that he saw me with a nun, that a nun accompanies you, he told me this and I said yes, that I have a nun. I asked him to describe her to me and he did...

CH: He described her well?

S2: Yes...and I told him yeah that's her.

CH: It was Santa Teresa?

S2: Things like that you know...

CH: That one feels it in them?

S2: Yes. That you become surprised, like what happened with this guy that I told him about his father, that he must leave him.

CH: The man from channel 62?

S2: Yes, I told him he has to let go that resentment, that he can't hold on to it...because some things have happened to you that are kind of weird and they will continue to happen if you don't let go of that spirit, he is no longer your father he's your brother, your brother in spirit, I told him. And he can't comprehend that because there is no longer a family lasso but a spiritual lasso, so you are disturbing him you have to let him take his own path and you will see that...

CH: What was the problem again?

S2: He...his father had died about 3 years ago and he was not present, or something, I don't know how it was and I began to tell him, when I started to consult him, that I saw that he was not sleeping well, that I saw someone that had passed away and that in your dreams he is present and he said Yes, and he told me that he always dreamt of him being alive and I try to tell him that he is already dead but I cant. Well I told him that he must let go of the spirit, that he must let him go, I told him not to call him anymore, that he should let him go, because by calling him it is making the spirit restless, the spirit is not resting. And I told him that for things to be better and so that he prosper he should let that spirit go, and he felt bad when we were doing the consulting...he felt like some energy or something...that's spiritism.

CH: And was he able to tape finally? Because at first...

S2: At first he couldn't tape...but yes. At first he couldn't tape because...when doing things like that you first have to ask for permission...

CH: Not necessarily to you but the spirits?

S2: Right, you need their permission...you see maybe something has happened that they don't want to be taped in that moment, because he was filming images and materials from the botanica and suddenly the camera would not work...he told me that he could feel the energy, yes I told him, that when you feel the energy...but he then said it's a strong energy, and I told him that when you feel that energy whether it be positive or negative it can make the camera blow up.

CH: Oh yeah? Has that happened before?

S2: No, but there are things...when there is a lot of energy there can be explosions like a glass or...you know...without their being any real cause, that's why sometimes electronic stuff will 'pop', that's energy...like electricity...

CH: Like little shocks.

S2: Yeah, it travels through electronic things, through cables, the very same energy that converts into electricity...that's one...(laughter)...I was with some clients when...

CH: When ???

S2: Yeah, they were taping but I was ??? taping the place and he told me that he didn't want to ??? the camera. So I told him to allow me to put some incense so that it would calm down...he was a bit surprised and I told him that this had to do with spirits. It was very nice, I liked it because they weren't aggressive questions they were very...you know...

CH: Yes.

S2: ...I guess doing that to sell his video.

CH: Channel 62, Maybe they will have some show, because channel 62 is the news channel, right?

S2: I think so.

CH: I think maybe so news show focusing some segment on spiritism or botanicas in Los Angeles, the spirituality of Latinos...because I've noticed that in the Spanish channels than in English channels they focus more the spirituality of the Latino, they always have some segment that has to do with something about religion.

S2: Yes.

CH: Speaking of Spirits and Orishas and all that, I would like to see...I think that last time we spoke of San Simon and what you knew of him...

Women's voice: I took the plant, it was really dry, I watered it and you should see how nice it got, but you know...

S2: It says, 'The development of spiritual faculties, the majority of the mediums or practitioners of spiritism say that the spiritual faculties develop principally through trials, these trials are a set of difficulties and tripping stones sometimes very difficult, sometimes made very difficult because of what the medium must traverse, who finds himself/herself underdevelopment/still learning, the trials are ways through which the spirit guides of a person help to purify oneself to merit ???'. The spiritual trials are sometimes so strong that the future medium may suffer serious illnesses, loss of loved ones or loss of personal well being, including his/her liberty, generally people that go through these trials find others that are mediums themselves and explain to them the reason for the torments and how to overcome them. When a person suspects that he may have some extra-??? Faculties, they are not common in the world they have one of two paths to follow, the first is to ignore these faculties and the second one to try to develop these to their maximum, or at least try to understand them.' (TURNS PAGE) 'And to know how to utilize it for other people, within the special faculties are; Clairvoyance, (Clariaudencia), telepathy, (siconosis), Clairvoyancy: the ability to see or predict the future. Clariaudencia: the ability to listen to messages from spiritual or material beings

that no one else can hear, telepathy: the ability to read or transmit thoughts, while (siconosis): is the ability to move material objects with thoughts, along with this ability is also known 'SP' or extra-sensoral perceptions, that go beyond that of the normal senses, like sight, ear, touch, taste and smell. The faculties of 'SP' are being observed in many laboratories that specialize in psychic studies, in other words, the ability that is know of the human mind. In these laboratories they have begun to recognize that these super natural talents are in reality part of the continuing evolution of the human mind and that all humans have 'SP' at different stages and the it is estimated that in the next centuries this ability will continue to develop and the human being will have extraordinary mental powers." That's some part of what I was talking to you about. All the things that one has to go through...

CH: To be a good medium.

S2: Yes, a good medium, a good spiritist. You have to suffer, and that is what sometimes many people don't understand, that's why when someone comes in with problems, one has to see...to see why certain things are happening, why are you going through that, through all those things that are not understood. Sometimes...well...there are also forms in which you can be swindled, because there could be a loss of loved ones, sicknesses, loss of money or anything and so that's when people begin to tell you that you are hexed (embruado), they begin to tell you that they have done this and that to you. Right now I have a gal that I'm helping and I was just talking to her about it...

CH: Is she starting to use...

S2: She is...she...well...she has...well what hasn't she had and what hasn't she suffered from? Yesterday she came in all like this and I told her to be patient because if you begin to complain then it gets even worse, right now you have to sit down and meditate and ask to be given strength because your reward will come later, I told her. It's hard to think things like that to say, but you teach yourself, you begin to learn that patience and that peace, that faith, because spirituality is something that is very difficult, we are like children...it takes time to comprehend and understand it, for that very reason, I say that the very spirit will guide you, like it says here that; that he will look...it will take you to a different spiritist to a different guide...

CH: So her very spirit brought her to you?

S2: Yes, with me.

CH: So that she have more of a guide?

S2: Yes, so that there is someone to tell her what is happening...because what is happening is something that has to occur. She will be helped, she will be given strength...

CH: More energy.

S2: More energy, that there will be someone there at her side to help her go through that trance she is going through right now because, that will make her a better person. One has

to work, one has to purify...that's why martyrs and saints, those that became saints, to be able to get all that, they would martyrize the body, they would lock themselves up, but there is no need for that, right now life knocks us around...we need more knocks...locking up no! Our daily lives that allow us to be better spiritually, if we were a bit more spiritual, in praying and asking, in getting closer to god or in your own belief, in whatever you believe in, in water you feel...so long as you have that spirituality, I think then we would be in a better world, if we prayed a little bit.

CH: That's everyone in general?

S2: Yes because before families would pray at home, they would pray to eat, and they don't do that anymore, they just don't have that time, we always make that excuse, no time. But if we are waiting for the bus and that moment that we are waiting for the bus we did a bit of prayer or meditation or to think of positive things, I think we could do a lot more...I don't want to sound like a preacher or...

CH: I understand what you're saying.

S2: Like a religious person because I'm not even religious or a preacher, but, that is what I understand of the spiritualism, of what spiritualism is.

CH: It's something that you have to cultivate to give you strength.

S2: Yes, and every day I find out new things, that sometimes when I feel very down, spiritually, morally or I feel...monetarily...you know...

CH: Economically

S2: right, I sometimes say, 'god', but I also have to separate that sentiment of materialism because in the spiritual there should not be materialism, unfortunately we are in a material world, so I sometimes say that to my spiritual guides...they need to understand me because I'm in a material world. So I need the material to work the spiritual, so it's a thing that even if you don't want it...because they will talk a lot about materialism, that we should not be so materialist, but when these books were all written or all these documents, life was different, that materialism did not exist, because poverty was not so prominent...

CH: Those people did not have much, now in days we have so much...

S2: It was different, so...in Mexico one does not charge for this. You cannot charge for this, but can you imagine if I just stay here waiting for people's charity? I'll die of hunger! Also I'm doubting spiritism because Jesus himself said, what do you worry about, aren't lilies the most well dressed, do birds stop from eating, so...we sometimes doubt our very abilities, we sometimes materialize ourselves too much in that form, that's what spiritism tries to explain many times...the spiritual tries to explain. Sometimes we forget about that...about...that we can make a ??? in the middle of the path and say to oneself that, 'I will pray a little'. And right now, without even trying I came across this paragraph, having to do with what a spiritist has to endure, but I already know that, what one has to go through, that is not easy.

CH: It's something that has to happen...

S2: Like I told you, I can't believe, for what all I have gone through physically with illnesses...and I'm here, still on my feet and I thank god and my faith and thanks to belief and thanks to the spiritual which is what has kept me alive. Because I'm a dead person...I don't understand, clinically I'm dead! So if there wasn't that faith or that thought maybe I would have already died, so when I see all these things that I sometimes don't understand and that someone has passed through...

CH: yes, passing them, ??? very own experience...

S2: My own experience.

CH: How long did you say you lived with HIV? 16 years?

S2: 16 years. And right now, physically I feel like I have nothing, you can't tell I have anything. For all the things I've gone through, Pneumonia, Meningitis...

CH: What is that?

S2: Spinal Meningitis, it's a virus that travels to the brain, it's like a germ, like a worm and your brain swells up. You either go crazy, blind or paralyzed, so many things that can happen.

CH: And you still...

S2: I'm still alive. I had Shingles, Trash (note: perhaps mispronouncing it) in the mouth, it comes out on your mouth or tongue, if you don't cure that then your throat will close up and you can't eat and they have to give you food through...so I had neuropathy, I couldn't walk. Only god knows what I've had, they are trials! And that's why I sometimes feel that people are sometimes now looking for that...

CH: Proof?

S2: No, spiritism or the spiritual, we are looking for something spiritual, it can be a church or a congregation or yoga, or Buddhism.

CH: There have been more articles written on the subject of yoga and natural medicine and the return to the more spiritual or the knowledge of the...body and the spirit, especially when I was studying at University, I saw that there was more attention to what science had to say with what one knows about plants, to a level much more...

S2: Yes, because we are going to return to the same thing, return to our roots, our past, all that was left buried and forgotten. Man will be able to find himself, he will try to find the reasons from when he is born, of his past of what our ancestors did, how they lived, why did they live longer than us? What was their food like? But it was sound mind then sound body, also...all that will come back, all that spiritual things, because the spiritual ness is the biggest thing that there can be. I'm not saying you necessarily have to be a spiritist or a Santero or whatever...

CH: Yes.

S2: ...or someone who does yoga, the Buddhist...

CH: What comes to you?

S2: Yes, what comes to you, what you find in you.

CH: And the lady that you are helping, how long have you....

S2: Just for a small amount of time.

CH: Months?

S2: uhh, some days, some months, a month, two months....and I tell you, many hard things have happened to her, very hard things. For some time now she's been visiting places where they have ripped her off. So when I talk to her about all that is happening and all that has happened then she understands a bit more...because unfortunately there will always be someone who is more clever who is without scruples that will try to confuse you or tell you that what is happening is because of this or that, you know?

CH: Yeah

S2:...and it's not like that, just yesterday I had a client and he brought his parents and he wanted me to console his father, he was older, because his legs hurt from up here. He felt like they were loose, and I asked him if he felt bad and that if he had gone to the doctor and he said that I have sugar but it's not the same sugar...I told him No, the spirit is showing me that you fell...No, he said, he told me he had not fallen. You fell, I told him, because I see is something with your spinal column, from right here in your waist and that is why you have such loose legs, because you fell...what you have to do is find someone to massage you, I massager (sobador), I told him. And I recommend this cream here that you apply with some garlic and you put it on because you are getting too much cold in your bones, and on their way out his wife told me, yes he did fall from the second floor and he landed on his butt. And I told him, I told you so! I told him that he had fallen, especially to fall on your butt, that's the worse because you hurt your back. You see, I told him, when the spirit talks it talks because he is right in what he speaks.

CH: Maybe he did not remember?

S2: He didn't remember, and I told him that he was not bewitched and he shouldn't go around spending any more money in witchcraft stuff. That pain, I said to him, is from the fall you suffered. Those are pains that you must take care of, because when you get old...(laughter)

CH: Had he fallen recently?

S2: Years.

CH: Years? And he was still affected by it?

S2: Yes, because with age the bone becomes weaker and the bone gets cold and you feel weaker and you begin to feel all the pains that you didn't before. When you are young you don't pay attention to a lot of things and when the years pass you'll begin to notice that it hurts here and there and what before would not hurt you, now hurts, and depending on how you live your youth that is how your old age will be.

CH: And the other guides that you have, for example, the doctor, who is the doctor? Is it someone that lived? Someone you knew?

S2: No, no one, none of your spiritual guides do you know...you may have known them in another life, or another time, but not physically, because a spirit will return ???? to this world it has to go through a lot to purify one self, it has to take it's time in order to reincarnate again, you have to clean and purify the body that's why when you are a medium or have the ability to be one, you suffer a lot, because they must clean your body, they must hurt your body and in other words, what happened to Jesus, what he suffered.

CH: Where they stoned him and all that...

S2: From his infancy, from his childhood, from when he was born he was persecuted.

CH: He was Jewish?

S2: Yes, Jewish. Ever since he was born, from the moment he was born they sent to kill him, Why? He was the Son of God, son of the king. So these are things that we take and say...well if he went through all of that, who am I to not want any of that to happen to me? If he, being the Son of God, of the king and he had to go through all that...

CH: Why not us?

S2: Why not. You see, so sometimes we have to find the logic behind things, to things that are happening around us, to what we are suffering, sometimes...in the spiritual we have to use some words, or sometimes like we don't have any feelings, but every thing has a reason, sometimes I notice that we talk and it's cold as if there were no pain or emotions, but we talk concretely and with seriousness, I remember when they murdered my friends child, I told her some things...like...why do you cry? Who are you? Right now you should feel the...take the place of Maria, so that you see that you are no better or worse than anyone, see what happened with Maria, being the mother of Jesus, whatever you want to call her.

CH: She had to suffer.

S2: She had to suffer, I told her. You should have seen how they have they child, chained up, hurting him, making fun of him, how do you think that mother felt? How did she feel? I asked her. Let's say she wasn't the mother of god, lets say it was you, what would you feel if your son was like that and you were impotent and you could do nothing, because it's something that is written and has to happen. And I asked her, don't you think he felt the same pain to see his mother on how she was rolling around on the ground because of pain? You don't think he had that pain too, of seeing his mother cry and

having people make fun of him? We don't want to feel that pain, I told her, so we are no one in this life. So I told her to do away with all her anger she had with those people...

CH: They called the guy?

S2: They killed him, they beat him up, they smashed his skull in with a bat.

CH: OH my God. Here in the US?

S2: No, in Guatemala. So, when one speaks like that, when speaking like that to someone who is hurting is like pouring chili pepper into a wound.

CH: Maybe, there is a feeling like you don't understand.

S2: Yeah, because I spoke to another woman about that and she said to me because I'm not a woman and I've never had children and I told her that I don't need to be a mother or have had children, in my belief, my religion, what I believe in, in the spiritual is like that, I told her. Cry! As much as you want I told her...and then stop, don't cry anymore, because he is no longer your son, he was lent to you only. Now he is no longer your son but your brother and so now you must remember him like this. These are things you say sometimes, because you...

CH: When someone dies, they are no longer your son?

S2: You are brothers in spirit, all the lassos are gone, the lassos are only here on earth.

CH: But in the spiritual world it's different?

S2: It's different, because there, there is no material things, they don't exist. So these are things that come to my mind and when I read that someone has already gone through them, I find that I am not wrong, ??? but...I used to have this friend that guided me towards the spiritual, he had a different concept than I do of the spiritism.

CH: That's the man you spoke to me of?

S2: Yes, Rafael, he has a different idea of all this and I...

CH: For example?

S2: He...well...something would happen to you and he would say, you have to...accept things and not force them, if your drowning you should allow it to happen because you have to accept it, it is the design of god, NO! god gave me free ???. God doesn't want poor children. God wants us to be intelligent people, he wants the best for you and for me, if you are in the situation that you are in is because you want it, not because he wants you, because he's not going to come down from up there to do your job, that job you have to do. Right?

CH: Yes.

S2: So, there were things that he would tell me like that...

CH: He would say that you would have to accept what you have?

S2: Yes, and I didn't accept what he would say.

CH: How long was he your guide?

S2: Well, many years, but he in reality he never guided me, but when I went to seek consul with him in '77...that's when I met him, when I went to talk to him I spoke to him openly in '83...that's when I read cards, I had visions and I did all those things...and that I liked doing other things, dark things and that is when he told me, that, 'your spiritual guide says your at the moment where you have to decide where you going', so he told me that I could not be worshipping both god and the devil at the same time, that I cant be mixing up good and bad, because I would be confusing my spirits, my guides. So, I had to take one of the two roads.

CH: So, he basically told you that you had to decide?

S2: YES

CH: SO that's how...

S2: HE helped me, how he guided me.

CH: And where you friends?

S2: Yes and it grew because was going through some problems at the time and he asked me to console him, and I said yes but I was a bit embarrassed because someone of his knowledge and strength was asking me to console him..like..

CH: Like he was your patient...

S2: Yes, do you feel uncomfortable? He asked me, I said No. And he went on to tell me that I should not be intimidated by anyone and what is mine is mine and that no one knows more than I do, and that gave me confidence and I began to do things like this, but he did help me a lot, I cant deny the fact that he helped me a lot, because I had a lot of confusion and many things that I would ask and he tell me....

CH: He would clarify it for you.

S2: ...sometimes I would get more confused, because...well later we got farther apart and I went to visit him one day and he told me, 'don't think I distanced myself from you because I don't want your friendship, but because your spirit presented itself to me and told me to leave you be or they would do something to me'

CH: The spirit?

S2: '...because the longer I remained on your side you would never develop'

CH: So, he was the person that would give you guidance.

S2: For some time.

CH: Until the spirits wanted him too.

S2: And he told me, you know how that spirit of yours is.

CH: our spirit? It's stronger than the nun that presented herself?

S2: Oh, Yes. That's my spirit, very strong. It's the spirit of a woman.

CH: The gypsy?

S2: Yes. And she's very strong, I have fear/forebode her.

CH: The gypsy?

S2: Yes, I have fear and respect for her.

CH: Why?

S2: Because she's very strong...if I don't listen to her, certain things will happen...

CH: She'll do things to you?

S2: Yes, I have to listen and follow her, because she's my guide...and she's strong because if someone does something to me and she is with me then I can do it, just with my thought or my mouth...I don't like it, because some years ago I promised never to curse anyone anymore.

CH: She does it?

S2: She does it, I have asked forgiveness many times for that, for all the times I cursed people...because many were towards my family and so I had to ask forgiveness...I won't curse them again, now I leave everything like that because everything will come around and you will pay for things....

CH: And you have seen her?

S2: Yes.

CH: What does she look like?

S2: She was a beautiful woman, very sexy and elegant with lots of money, very vain and...very...

CH: Is she aggressive?

S2: She had a strong temperament and she was very religious...

CH: Catholic?

S2: Yes, because she would ask a lot from Virgen de los Dolores..

CH: Virgen de los Dolores?

S2: Virgen Mary! But we call her Maria la dolorosa. She was very fervent, she would ask a lot of that spirit, she's very beautiful and very vain, like all women right...(laughter)
Lately I don't call on her as much because she's very strong.

CH: Strong in the sense of aggression or what sense?

S2: In everything, she strong in being aggressive...in other words...she impulses me a lot, she makes come out ahead which is why I like her, because when I took being spiritual seriously, she told me I could never be rich off of the spiritual, in other words I could never be rich off of my spiritual knowledge.

CH: You were told or she told you?

S2: The spirit told me, that I could never be rich off of spirituality.

CH: And so it's like a limit you were given?

S2: Yes, a limit.

CH: And you have to adhere to it?

S2: You have to listen to what they are saying because, she told me that, 'that's why we have given you a different knowledge' so I would make money in what I would work in, my knowledge...that work for me was being like a medium, like an artist, to possess yourself, my work was very delicate.

CH: Before working in a Botanica?

S2: Yes, before the botanica, I used to work at home with the spiritual but I would work and earn really good money, so they told me that they had given me a new knowledge so that I would become rich, so that I would make money and not to exploit the spiritual, because with this you can make lots of money, with the spiritual, because someone can come and with three words I might say I can convince you because I'm saying the truth and so I charge you so much so can you imagine if I had 2 or 3 clients that I charge 1,000 dollars I make back all my spendings, and so this is where she comes in and says that I can not become rich.....TAPE ENDS.